United Nations A/67/985–S/2013/540

General Assembly
Security Council

Distr.: General
12 September 2013
English
Original: Spanish

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session
Agenda item 121
Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations

Security Council
Sixty-eighth year

Letter dated 10 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, in its capacity as President Pro Tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), has the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué of CELAC on the situation in Syria adopted on 9 September 2013 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, in its capacity as President Pro Tempore of CELAC, would be grateful if the Executive Office of the Secretary-General would circulate the present letter and the CELAC communiqué as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 121.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, in its capacity as President Pro Tempore of CELAC, would be grateful if the communiqué could also be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Rodolfo **Reyes Rodríguez**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations
President Pro Tempore of the Community
of Latin American and Caribbean States

13-47248 (E) 160913 170913

Please recycle

Annex to the letter dated 10 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: English and Spanish]

Communiqué of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States on the situation in Syria

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) deeply regrets the loss of life and wishes to expresses its great concern over the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the potential danger it represents to the Middle East region and to international peace and security.

CELAC vigorously condemns the use of chemical weapons and any other weapons of mass destruction, regardless of where or by whom they are used. Its member States reaffirm their full commitment to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction.

CELAC therefore calls upon all those who have evidence of chemical weapons use in Syria and about those using them to provide that information to the United Nations investigation mechanisms in order to assist with full clarification of the facts and to prevent possible consequences.

It asks the Security Council, based on its authority and on the report of the United Nations investigation mission, to step up its efforts for peace in order to bring an end to the hostilities. CELAC is of the view that if chemical weapons use is verified, those responsible should not go unpunished. CELAC recalls that, under the Charter of the United Nations, only the Security Council can take action.

Reiterating its support for peace and respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, including international humanitarian law, CELAC demands the immediate cessation of the violence and the protection of the civilian population; urges a stop to the supplying of weapons to Syrian territory; and urges all parties to avoid aggression and attacks against civilians and to establish conditions conducive to a negotiated political solution to the conflict in Syria, a conflict that has cost thousands of innocent lives.

In this context, CELAC calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue his efforts to bring the conflict to an end and reiterates its support for Lakhdar Brahimi, Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, and for the convening of an international conference on the situation in Syria.